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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

The Supreme Court has just rejected without comment a legal move aimed at abolishing the HCUA. In a one sentence order, the court let stand a lower court ruling which threw out an effort by three Chicagoans to have the Committee declared unconstitutional because of the way it was set up in 1945 and because of its methods since then.

The three Chicagoans contended that the basic charter setting up the committee violated the Constitution and that the treatment of witnesses infringed on the guarantee of free speech and assembly. The three judge panel in Chicago ruled that the Committee was protected by the clause in the Constitution barring members of Congress from being questioned "in any other place" for anything they say in speech or debate in the House or Senate.

The Black Panther Party, centered in California is reported to be at odds with Ron Karenga, chairman of "US", an extremist black nationalist organization in Los Angeles. It is predicted that there will be a confrontation between the Panthers and Karenga. Reports are allegedly also being made by the Black Panther leadership to such extremist Stanley Crouch out of the party. The nation: Crouch is emphasizing black culture rather than a black militancy. Yet, Crouch has been very active lately in Black Panther Party and Black Student Union activities at San Francisco State College. He is expected to remain in the area for sometime.

At a 1967 party commission meeting in Budapest on 21 November 1967, the Soviet Union overrode the objections of rebels among the Western Communist Parties and won agreement for a meeting of World Communist leaders in Moscow next May.

The commission also agreed to assign an eight party working group to prepare a document outlining the policy of the International Communist Movement in its "struggle against imperialism". The draft will be submitted to the next meeting of the preparatory commission in Moscow, beginning March 17. At the March meeting the exact date for the convening of the world conference will be set.

All Communist Parties, including the Chinese, Yugoslav, and others that have boycotted all the preparatory meetings, are to be invited to take part in the Conference.

On 25 November the Soviet Communist Party in a call in the form of an authoritative policy statement in the party newspaper Pravda, asked that allied parties throughout the world today

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UNDO announced a December "spend-the-rent" campaign in which welfare clients would keep their rent money to spend on basic needs not covered in their relief checks.

November 23

South Bend, Indiana - The National Student Association Convention on White Racism is scheduled on this date. The University of Maryland formed a Campus Coalition Against Racism (CCAR) in early October. The research that will emanate from the CCAR will be used to represent the University of Maryland at the NSA Convention.

November 29

*The War Resisters League, a pacifist group, is sponsoring a demonstration to urge individuals to refuse to pay the 10% tax on phone bills. It is proposed that these individuals purchase money orders with the unpaid tax money and send them to the Canadian Friends Service Committee, a pacifist group, to purchase medical supplies for North and South Vietnam.

November 20-Dec.1.

*Chicago, Illinois - The National Convention of the Young Socialist Alliance (youth division of the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party) will be held at the campus of the University of Chicago on Thanksgiving weekend. Young socialists from across the country will attend. "All who support the International Revolutionary Socialist Movement are invited to attend the convention." YSA national headquarters states, "This convention is shaping up to be the largest convention ever held of the young socialist movement in the history of the U.S." It will set the course for the young-socialist movement for the coming months.

The YSA says the convention will feature an international panel of revolutionary socialists from England, France, Germany, Mexico, Canada, and a panel of active-duty-anti-war GI's.

Although State Department visa policy may prevent the appearance of some, among the notables expected to be there are:

Trig ALI, a principal organizer of the October 27th London Demonstration;

a leader of the Mexican student strike;

a former leader of the now banned organization of the Revolutionary Communist Youth (JCR) of France;

Leaders of the German Socialist Students Federation (SDS);

Members of the Canadian Socialist League (Ligue des Jeunes Socialistes);

George NOWAK, renowned marxist author and lecturer.

November 27-Dec 1

Montreal, Canada - A Hemispheric Conference to End the War in Vietnam will meet to develop coordinated resistance strategy against U.S. foreign policy of imperialism and neo-imperialism in the attempt to police the whole world and make it safe for capitalist exploitation." "Latin America is likely to be the next locus of 'police action'." "U.S. imperialism is a hemispheric problem - the strategy for change must be equally hemispheric."
Among those scheduled to participate:

Dr. Gicodi JAGAN, leader of People's Progressive Party in Guinea, former Prime Minister.

The Ft. Hood Three - Dennis MORA, James JOHNSON, David SIMAS - The first GI's to resist assignment to Vietnam and recently released from prison and discharged from the U.S. Army.

Representatives of the National Liberation Front - Hoang Bich Son and Hrynh Van Bin

Representatives of Democratic Republic of Vietnam -

Prof. Hoang Minh Giem - member of parliament - Le

Duy Van - secretary of Vietnam Peace Committee

Wilfred Burchett - Communist supporting news correspondent and author.

November 30

The Vietnam Week Committee, which is controlled by the Young Socialist Alliance, a communist group, plans to distribute antiwar leaflets at the Army-Navy football game.

December 1968

Author Herman WAISER, will appeal his conviction on charges of unseemly and disorderly conduct during the October 1967 peace march on the Pentagon. Sentenced to five days in jail by a U.S. Commissioner, the appeal will be to the 4th U.S. Court of Appeals.

December 2

Washington, D.C. - The Local Emergency Committee on The Transportation Crisis (LECTC) has called for a Total boycott of D.C. transit from 5:AM through the P.M. rush hours as part of Washington Transportation Crisis Week to protest the recent fare hike. The LECTC continues to take a threatening and militant stand concerning both the DC Transit Co. and proposed freeways for D.C.

December 1-5

Princeton, New Jersey - It can be anticipated that the U.S.A. will be soundly chastised as well as prided when more than eighty leading intellectuals from throughout the world will gather at the Institute for Advanced Studies to assess many of the problems that

will confront the next American President.

Plans for the five-day seminar on "The U.S. - Its problems, Impact and Image in the World" were to be announced on 20 October in London and in Paris by Shevard STONE, President of the International Association for Cultural Education. The Association is a private organization of scholars, writers, and men of public affairs. It was originally organized by the Ford Foundation.

December 2

Jack RUDD, leader of the student rebellion at Columbia University last spring, is scheduled for a pre-induction physical examination. RUDD, head of the Columbia Chapter of the SDS and outspoken Vietnam War protester has appealed his I-A classification on the grounds that he is a "revolutionist." Demonstrations in support of RUDD's draft resistance stance can be anticipated.

December 2

Oakland, California - The April 6, 1968, "shoot-out crowd" of the Black Panther Party have had their trial set for 2 December. Eldridge CLEAVER, Minister of Information of the BPP is one of the defendants. All pleaded innocent to a variety of charges stemming from the shoot-out with the Oakland Police Department in Oakland.

December 2

New York City, New York - On November 22, Adam Clayton POWELL's parole on a pending state prison sentence of 90 days for criminal contempt of court was extended until 2 December. Unless either the appellate division or the Court of Appeals extends the stay again, POWELL will be subject to arrest in the state. If he fails to surrender, the court will institute an additional contempt proceeding against him. POWELL, who was easily reelected to the House of Representatives on November 5, is expected to return to his seat in January 1969 after having been excluded for "gross misconduct." Whether he will be seated with full seniority - if at all - is a moot question.

December 3

Jerry RUBIN, Youth International Party (YIPPIE) leader, accused of soliciting mob action during the Democratic National Convention last August will be tried in criminal court (Chicago). Sympathy demonstrations during the trial are probable. On 15 November RUBIN was ordered to remain in Illinois until his trial.

December 5

New York City - The GUARDIAN, self-styled independent radical newspaper, holds its 20th anniversary celebration at the Fillmore East.

GUARDIAN says - "None of the best known figures on the radical left will join in celebrating the **GUARDIAN's** 20th birthday in New York, Thursday, December 5. It promises to be one of the most politically important meetings of the year."

Speakers include: H. Roy BROWN, former Chairman of SNCC; Herbert MARCUSE, Professor at University of California; and Carl OGLESBY, former President of SDS.

Chairman of the meeting: Bernadine DUBOIS, SDS organizational secretary.

Entertainment: Pete SEDGWICK

Acting General Manager William ROSE will speak on behalf of the **GUARDIAN**. He will discuss the **GUARDIAN's** role in the development of an effective radical movement and his experiences in Cuba and No. Korea, from which he recently returned.

December 6

*Baltimore, Maryland - A new date for the trial of H. Roy Brown will be set when Chief Federal Judge Roszel C. Thomsen makes his decision relative to an argument made 25 November by BROWN'S attorney that the change in venue in Brown's trial on arson and riot charges in Maryland courts violated his constitutional rights.

New York Civil Liberties lawyer, William H. Kunstler, claimed the Constitution guarantees defendants trials in the jurisdictions where they are accused of committing crimes. The trial had been ordered moved from Dorcester County to Harford County upon request of the state; whereas usually, it is the defendant who pleads for venue change based on the position that a fair trial would be improbable in the locus of the crime or activity.

December 7 and 8

Task Force - the underground newspaper published in San Francisco - aimed at servicemen and veterans - carried a notice in its October 25 edition calling for GI actions December 7 and 8: "1. Organize - benchings, rallies, marches, discussions, GI dinners, etc. 2. Contact - local vets, student anti-war groups for assistance. 3. Write - P.O. Box 31263, San Francisco, 94131, so we can inform you of what's happening around the country."

December 8

Tacoma, Washington - The **GI-Civilian Alliance for Peace** is planning a GI march for December 8, which it hopes will attract 5,000 demonstrators.

December 9

Although the trial of Sirhan B. SIRHANI, accused of murdering Robert F. KENNEDY, is scheduled to begin

December 9, it probably will be postponed until after the first of the year. A hearing is scheduled for the week of November 24 and it is expected that Defense Attorney Russell E. PARSONS will ask for a continuance on the grounds that another attorney coming into the case is still engaged in another trial and will need time to study the CINIAN case.

December 13

New York City - The National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee annual Bill of Rights dinner is scheduled for the Americana Hotel. The NECLC is the old NCLC rejuvenated with a new name. The old NCLC was cited as a Communist Front in 1956 by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and in 1959 by HCUA. Featured speakers will be: Dr. Benjamin SPOCK and Dick GREGORY.

Corliss LARSON is chairman of NECLC.

December 21

Washington D.C. - The HCUA subcommittee after holding three days of open hearings into the conduct and connection of some groups and individuals in the DFC disorders is in recess until 21 December. Five of the seven witnesses subpoenaed have not been heard and are expected to return. They are David BELLINGER, Fennie DAVIS, Tom HAYDEN, Jerry RUBIN, and Abbie HOFFMAN. Robert GREENBLATT of the DFC and Dr. David YOUNG of the Medical Committee for Human Rights who testified that week were released from their subpoenas but could be subpoenaed back.

Abbie HOFFMAN was convicted in D.C., November 20, of defiling the American Flag by wearing a shirt that looked like one during a Capitol Hill demonstration on 3 October. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 or serve thirty days in jail. Execution of the sentence was deferred pending an appeal.

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